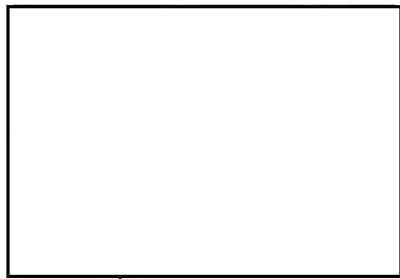


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Honorable Edward A. McDermott
Director
Office of Emergency Planning
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. McDermott:

We have studied your letter to Mr. McCone, dated 29 October 1962, requesting that we assign an operational readiness specialist position to the National Resource Evaluation Center on a non-reimbursable basis. The nature of our mission is such that we are concerned primarily with information of this type in the foreign rather than the domestic field. As a consequence, we are not able at this time to supply the specialist position requested. Nevertheless, we appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention and giving us the opportunity of using this direct means of participating in the activities of the Center.

Sincerely,

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Executive Director

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OCT 29 1962

Honorable John A. McCone
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

The President has requested that steps be taken to improve our state of readiness and capability to perform emergency functions. In this connection we have reviewed the major limitations in the capabilities and readiness of the National Resource Evaluation Center. I am sure that you and other agency heads share my view of the importance and urgency of strengthening this interagency endeavor as rapidly as possible.

A principal need at this time is to strengthen the Center's analytical and integration staff to enable it to take full advantage of (1) the voluminous data in its magnetic tape library, (2) the results of research programs of other agencies, and (3) new theoretical, methodological, and technological developments in data processing, information dissemination and presentation, situation simulation, and problem solving. I have concluded that the overall capability of the Center to perform its role of assessing capabilities and requirements for survival and recovery, can be substantially increased by a cooperative effort to augment its central analytical and integration staff. The personnel required (in addition to the presently assigned regular agency representatives) are specialists in the construction and operation of analytical and simulation systems.

Your approval of the non-reimbursable assignment of a specialist position to the National Resource Evaluation Center as indicated on the enclosure is requested. Following your approval, our respective staffs can work out the details as to the specific person to be assigned.

Sincerely,

Signed

Edward A. McDermott

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